

Remarks

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-13 were pending.

Claims 1, 2, 6 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Akhtar et al. U.S. Patent No. 6,769,001 B1 ("Akhtar").

The Examiner finds allowable subject matter in claims 3-5 and 7-12, and indicates these claims would be allowed if rewritten in suitable form.

Summary of Applicants' Reply.

Applicants appreciate Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3-5 and 7-12.

Applicants have cancelled allowable claims 3 and 7, and incorporated their limitations in independent claims 1 and 6, respectively. Accordingly, claims 1 and 6 now are allowable.

Further, claims 4, 5 and 8-12 that dependent from these independent claims also are allowable. Claims 4, 5 and 12 have been amended to correct dependencies or informalities that were kindly noted by the Examiner.

Applicants also present a new set of claims 14-36 for examination. No new subject matter has been added.

Independent claims 14 and 25

Applicants' invention relates systems and methods for common subscriber management in an Internet Protocol (IP) network with integrated voice and data processing (see

specification, pages 11-14). Claim 1 is directed to an IP network management apparatus which includes a common subscriber management means. Similarly claim 6 relates to a method for managing the IP network using a common subscriber management means.

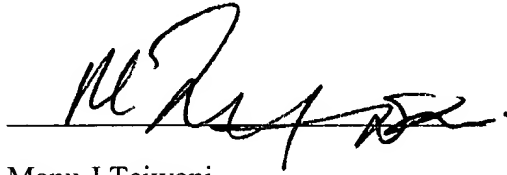
New claim 14 is directed to a common server that is used in IP network management (for example, in the apparatus of claim 1 or by the method of claim 6). New claim 25 is directed to a mobile communication system, which in addition to the common server of claim 14 includes a mobile station and a RAN. The common server includes a common subscriber managing block and a call controlling block. (See e.g., FIG. 2). In particular, claims 14 and 25 require that the common subscriber managing block provide “authentication management commonly in basis of the circuit network and the packet network”; and the call controlling block control calls “between the common subscriber managing block and the mobile station”.

These claim limitations are not shown in the cited prior art. Accordingly, claims 14 and 25 (and their dependent claims 15-24 and 26-36) are patentable over the cited prior art.

Conclusion

This application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and prompt allowance of which are requested. If there are any remaining issues to be resolved, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to kindly contact the undersigned attorney by telephone for an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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